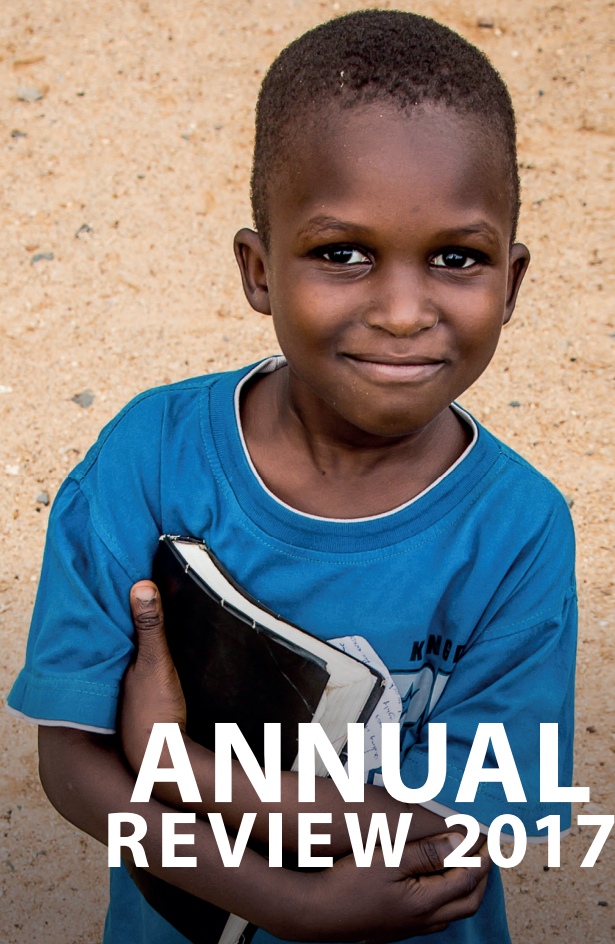


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ANNUAL REVIEW 2017

"I have seen with joy how willingly your people... have given to you."

1 Chronicles 29:17



It gives me great joy to witness the growing love and concern shown by the church in the UK and Ireland towards the persecuted church.

By God's grace, Open Doors UK and Ireland has seen extraordinary and sustained growth in the last five years, as more and more people have committed to pray regularly, give sacrificially and speak out passionately for their persecuted family. And it is equally a joy to see how God is using that faithful support not just to keep the church alive, but to enable her to thrive, and to shine the light of Christ in some of the darkest places on earth. Across Africa and Asia, persecution is increasing. In Iraq and Syria, hope hangs by a thread. Yet your prayerful generosity is literally keeping people alive and giving them fresh hope for the future. Thank you!

Despite this incredible growth, the needs of our persecuted family continue to outweigh our ability to respond to them – so please don't stop now! Whether you have been a supporter for one year or many, I am so thankful for your partnership in this vital ministry. I pray that as you read this Annual Review, you will be encouraged and inspired to see how your prayers and gifts, your letters to MPs and petition signatures, are truly making a difference to God's people.

Lisa

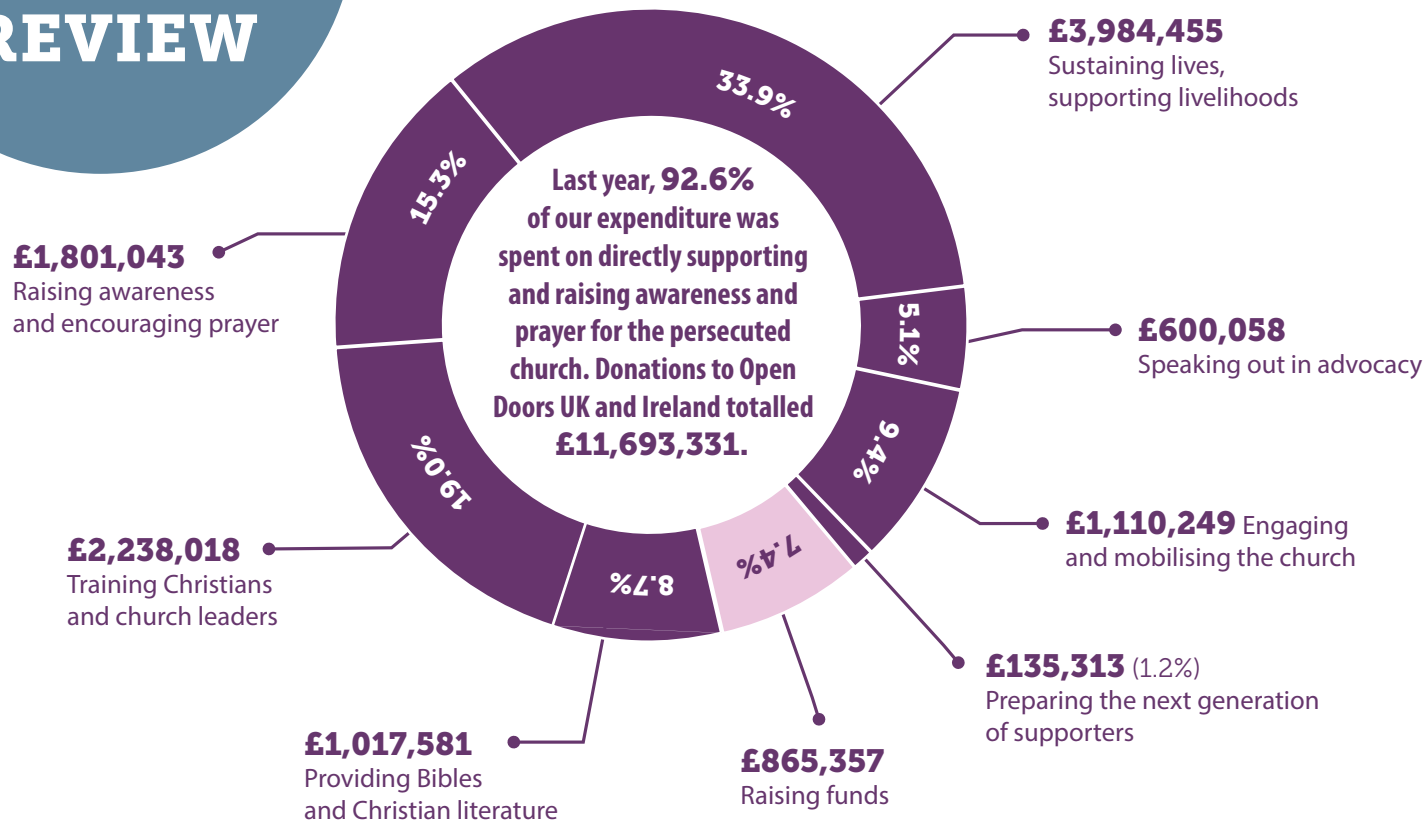
Lisa Pearce, CEO Open Doors UK and Ireland

THANK YOU!

£11.7 million
was donated in support
of persecuted Christians

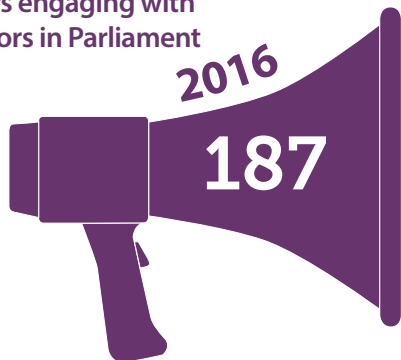
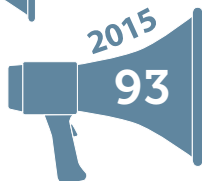
Over 37,500
people prayed regularly
for the persecuted church

FINANCIAL REVIEW



The above figures are extracted from the full financial statements. If you would like to receive a copy of the audited financial statements, they are available on request from July from: Open Doors, PO Box 6, Witney, OX29 6WG.

Number of MPs/Peers engaging with the work of Open Doors in Parliament



"Open Doors makes a major contribution to the Government's thinking to try to support Christians and other religious communities in the Middle East and North Africa."

- Tobias Ellwood,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs



Last year Open Doors delivered over

2,512,000

Bibles, books and Christian resources

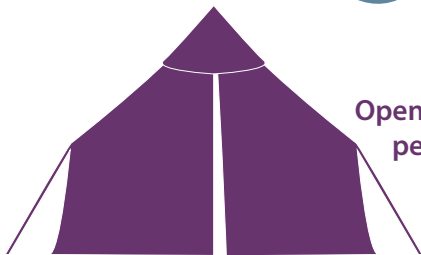


Open Doors trained over

1,050,500

Christians facing persecution or discrimination.

That's almost the equivalent of the entire population of Birmingham



Open Doors served over **879,000** persecuted Christians with relief aid, livelihood support and community development projects



Turn over to find out how your monthly gifts have been changing the world

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

HOPE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

Thank you for praying, giving, signing the global One Million Voices of Hope petition, and asking others to sign too! Last year, supporters in the UK and Ireland raised an incredible £2.95 million to support our brothers and sisters in Syria and Iraq with vital aid and long-term projects. Nidal from Iraq received food aid when she was forced to flee her home to escape the self-proclaimed Islamic State. She says, "That kept us alive and hopeful and helped us hope for better times."

Your support also enables Open Doors to ensure the voices of persecuted Christians are heard by those in power. Tobias Ellwood, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, says, "Open Doors makes a major contribution to the Government's thinking to try to support Christians and other religious communities in the Middle East and North Africa."

The global campaign continues to gather momentum, with people from over 90 different countries signing the petition. Please keep sharing the petition, and look out for exciting news about our plans to present it at the UN in New York in December.

#SAVE ME



Secret Children

Thanks to supporters who have committed to give and pray regularly for children, Open Doors continues to offer practical help and care to thousands of children who are bullied, displaced or even orphaned for being Christian. In Chhattisgarh, India, 15 children and their families were brutally beaten and chased out of their village because of their Christian faith. Two other siblings were at school when the attack happened. They came home to find their houses vandalised, their families gone, and only their elderly grandmother left behind. With help from Open Doors partners, the children were reunited with their parents and given food and clothing. The families all received medical aid and safe shelter until they could go home. Thank you for helping to assure these children and their families that they haven't been forgotten.



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January/February

Every £35 resourced an Open Doors co-worker to provide pastoral and practical support to refugees returning to North Korea. Open Doors provided vital relief aid to over 60,000 North Korean Christians, thanks to Open Doors supporters.

We would like to thank you a lot for your unlimited support, which is a great honour for us because we understand and feel the deep level of love that you give us. With your support we could meet the people's needs, not only those interested just in food or material help, but also those who are interested in their spiritual life. Worker in Aleppo, Syria

November/December

Every £42 provided a food pack and winter supplies to keep a family of five alive in Iraq or Syria for a month. Your support has enabled Open Doors to provide 27,000 families in Iraq and Syria with vital relief aid.

I visited the house of a widow and discovered that her Bible had been burned during the occupation of Maaloula. I was so happy I had Bibles with me and could give her a new one. She was really thankful. Open Doors partner, Syria

When we received your materials and support, we were filled with Jesus' love and grace. We are passionate to help the underground church in North Korea and feel so thankful for what you have done. North Korean believer

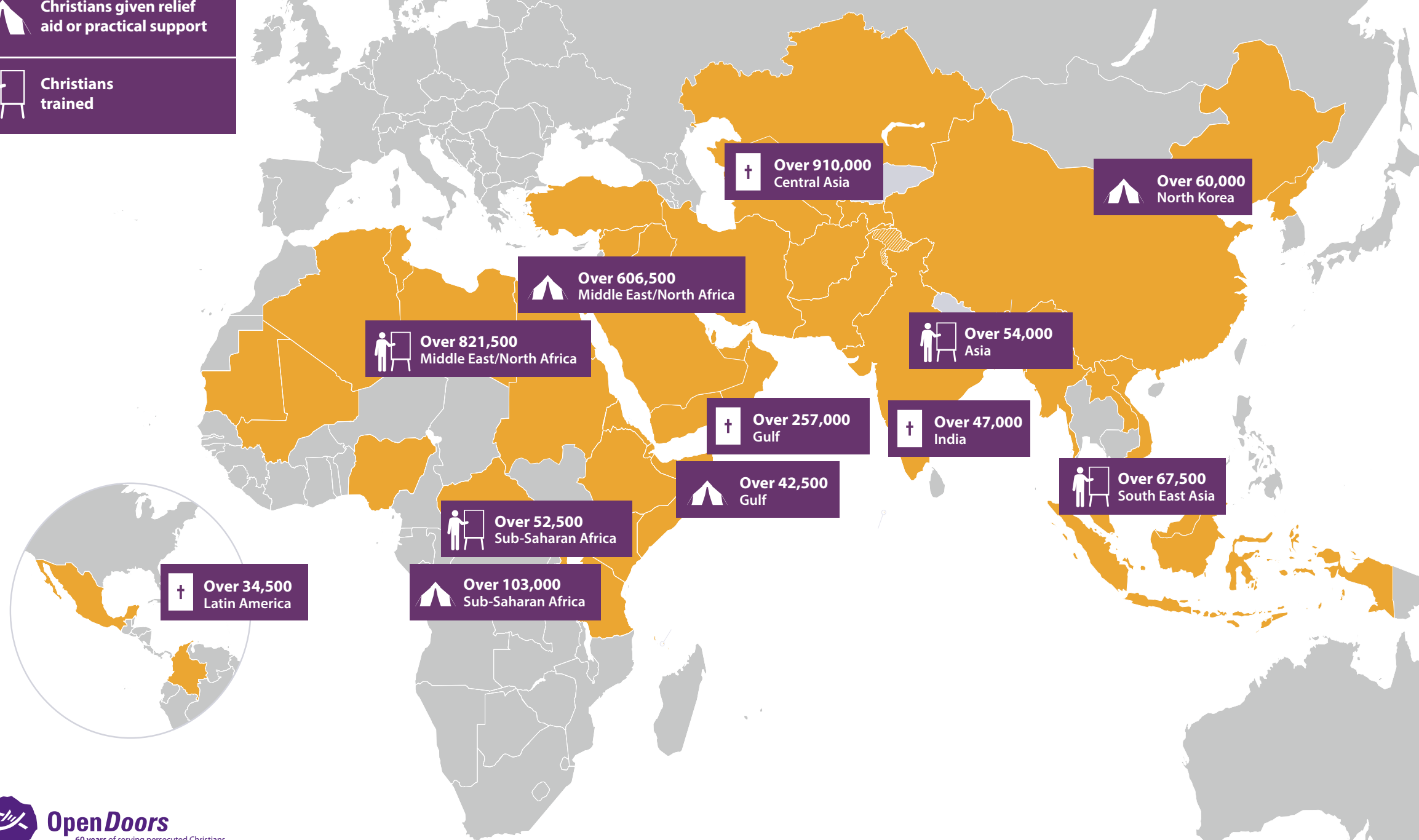
March/April

Every £34 provided clothing and blankets to a survivor of violence in sub-Saharan Africa. Over 103,000 Christians in sub-Saharan Africa received practical support, thanks to the gifts of Open Doors supporters.

To all the beloved of Open Doors, I say as a mother, thank you to everyone. If today my children and I live, eat and are clothed, it is you that God used to provide all these blessings. Sharifa, widowed mother-of-eight, Cameroon

- Bibles and Christian resources delivered
- Christians given relief aid or practical support
- Christians trained

Here's how your monthly gifts have been changing the world



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May/June

Every £35 provided a secret believer in the Middle East with a place on a discipleship training course to equip them to live out their faith. Open Doors supporters funded training for over 821,500 believers in the Middle East and North Africa.

This discipleship course is life-changing – other programmes and studies were only theological knowledge. The training is very helpful to understand who God is, to know Jesus, and to get tools to continue as Christian. Abid, who attended an Open Doors discipleship training course for new believers in a secret location

September/October

Every £33 provided three believers in Syria with a Bible each. Open Doors partners distributed over 114,000 Bibles and Christian resources in Syria last year.

You told us you will stand by us whenever we are in need. Your support has really encouraged us. Thanks to Open Doors and its supporters we even receive legal assistance. Neeraj, Hindu-background believer from India who was pressured to deny his faith

July/August

Every £36 equipped a Rapid Response team of volunteers in India to provide food, medical care and legal assistance to victims of persecution for three weeks. Open Doors partners provided practical support to over 16,000 Christians in India last year.